

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:00PM  
Morongo Basin Transit Center  
62405 Verbena Road  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – McArthur Wright led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL** - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:  
Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Ellen Jackman, Mark Lundquist, Ben Sasnett and McArthur Wright.  
Daniel L Mintz Sr. was absent.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for January 2019

5.3 Warrant Register through February 28, 2019

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

5.6 Administration Report

5.7 Operations Report

5.8 Resolution 19-01 and LCTOP Authorized Agent for Bus Stop Mobility Enhancements

5.9 Resolution 19-02 and LCTOP Authorized Agent for JTNP Service

5.10 City of Twentynine Palms Public Works Yard and MBTA Use Agreement

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.10); seconded by Board Member Lundquist: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

**6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**7.0 OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 RoadRunner Shuttle Update**

Mark Goodale informed the Board of the modifications to the JTNP schedule and the Ridership trends. The modifications to the schedule were mostly due to staffing difficulties, in which the National Park was amendable. Discussion ensued regarding marketing, ridership and the potential for a third-year pilot, funded 100% by the NPS.

Board Member Abel suggested making the sign at Jumbo Rocks more visible. He said the design on the buses were top notch and staff did a great job with the logo and marketing and it wasn't a lack of effort on our part as far as the quality of the product since it was something to be proud of, it's just whether there was a need. If they give us the funding for one more year to see if it would work out, he would be ok with that as long as they provided 100% funding.

Renee, a Morongo Basin Transit Authority employee, drove the RoadRunner shuttle earlier that day and remarked that it had been a busy day.

**8.2 RFP 18-01 Approval**

Joe Meer provided more details listed on the vehicles in the RFP 18-01 and introduced Jacklyn Montgomery, Executive Director of CalACT.

Jacklyn Montgomery thanked the Board for all the support they give MBTA staff and especially Joe to do the Procurement Cooperative. It was very important, especially to rural operators. She and Joe also worked together to create an app to track purchases in a database and able to bill on a monthly basis, receiving money quicker.

Upon prompting from Mark Lundquist, Joe indicated there were approximately 150 agencies purchasing buses from the CalACT/MBTA Purchasing Cooperative.

**ACTION:** Board Member Lundquist moved to Authorize Staff to Award Contracts to Responsive Manufacturers/Dealers; seconded by Board Member Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).



## **9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**

Mark Goodale reported that staff was in the process of developing the FY 2019/20 budget and was expecting to present some changes to it that should help address employee retention and recruitment issues. Once staff received the Service and Revenue Allocation from the consultants that were doing the Short Range Transit Plan, a meeting would be held with the Technical Advisory Committee to look at the recommendations to ensure equitable distribution amongst the jurisdictions. From there, the TAC recommendations along with a draft budget would be brought to the Board by staff.

## **10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

## **11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Sasnett found the recent artwork to be beautiful. He also commended staff for doing the survey he read about in the newspaper. Mark Goodale explained the survey was part of the outreach done by the Short Range Transit Plan consultants.

Board Member Jackman thanked Joe & Jacklyn; it was helpful information to have. She also thanked Renee for her observation and insight on the JTNP shuttle.

Board Member Abel asked about the needs assessment report. Mark Goodale reported that SBCTA was going through the input received from MBTA and would be providing the Board with a report shortly. Mark assured him there were a few optimistic items within the report that were already implemented or could be.

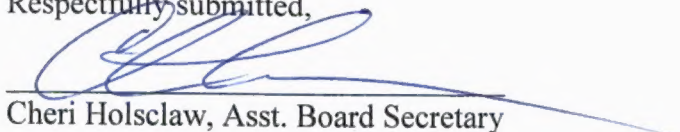
Board Member Lundquist thanked Joe and Jacklyn for the TAG program and their great work.

Board Member Drozd thanked everyone for being at the meeting and accepting him. He looked forward to the next meeting.

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the MBTA Operations Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary